

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-15
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ORDER APPROVING INTRALATA DIALING PARITY PLAN

(Issued June 22, 1999)

On April 26, 1999, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (Farmers Mutual) filed for the Board's consideration and approval a plan for implementing intraLATA dialing parity. Farmers Mutual generally proposes to allow customers to choose their intraLATA carrier prior to the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity and to assign customers who do not make an affirmative choice to their current preferred interLATA carrier.

Farmers Mutual does not propose any mechanism to recover the cost of implementing intraLATA dialing parity.

Farmers Mutual provided a proposed customer notification form for direct mailing and asks that the Board approve the form. The proposed notice will inform customers that they have four months from the date of implementation (which is projected to be July 21, 1999) to designate an initial preferred intraLATA carrier without incurring a PIC charge.

The Board will approve Farmers Mutual's plan for implementation of intraLATA dialing parity.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plan filed by Farmers Mutual Telephone Company on April 26, 1999, is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of June, 1999.